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TO : Chief, Advisory Council

Attention: 

DATE: 5 November 1947.

FROM : Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Psychiatric/Psychoanalytical Research.

Attention is invited to attached memoranda having reference to the field of Psychiatric/Psychoanalytical Research. Since this Agency is concerned entirely in the field of foreign intelligence, it is felt that the subject project is completely out of our line.

It is suggested that the basic memorandum be returned to the SANACC SSE subcommittee with the remark:

"Returned without comment as being outside the province of this Agency."

E. K. WRIGHT  
Brigadier General, USA  
Deputy Director

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6 November 1947

TO: 

FROM: Chief, Advisory Council

Forwarded, concurring in remarks of Deputy Director.

NAVY review(s) completed.

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3 November 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]  
QUE Building

Subject: Psychiatric/Psychoanalytical Research Proposal.

The attached memorandum prepared by the Navy member of the SANACC Subcommittee on Special Studies and Evaluations is submitted to you for comment.

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/Colonel, G.S.C.

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Memo for Comdr.  
Thomas A. Harris

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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29 October 1947

MEMORANDUM for Commander Thomas A. Harris  
Code 313, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Subject: Psychiatric/Psychoanalytic Research Proposal.

1. The suggestions submitted by Dr. Possomy, Georgetown University, which follows is presented for consideration, study, and exploration further to the development of a workable research proposal and subsequently a research program in the premises. After assembling supporting facts, data, suggestions, workable ways and means, etc., it is intended to process the rounded out proposal via appropriate channels.

"Mission: To analyze Communists and former Communists by means of scientific psychiatry and/or psychoanalysis.

Purpose: To elucidate the psychological reasons and conditions which produce the acceptance by certain individuals of the Communist doctrine;

- To indicate why these persons continue to remain Communists;
- To show their psychologic vulnerability and to explain their relative immunity against counter-propaganda or other logic;
- To list the reasons which in the past have produced defections by Communists and the adoption of saner ways of thinking;
- To explain Communism in terms of clinical psychology.

Operations: Experiments to be conducted under direction of Dr. Douglas McG Kelly, M.D. or qualified naval psychiatrists, or the Washington School of Psychiatry; "guinea pigs" to be procured through the Un-American Affairs Committee and appropriate naval personnel. (In latter case analysis to be made without their knowledge of the purpose).

Remarks: Further investigations might be made at later date with deserters, mutineers, etc. "

K. F. POEHLMANN  
Captain, USN

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**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

5 November 1947

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Psychiatric and Psychoanalytical Research Proposal

1. The suggestions submitted by Dr. Possony for the developement of a workable research to analyse Communists are interesting and very important to consider especially in the case of the Communist party being outlawed in the near future.

2. Mission-- No comment.

3. Purpose-- A comment to be made is that a Communistic individual is an altogether different personality in respect to the so called Fellow Travelers or Opportunists. Consequently, the Psychiatric and Psychoanalysis Tests should be different in each case.

4. Operations-- Experiments should be conducted by a qualified Psychiatrist/Psychoanalyst with a thorough knowledge and practice in these Tests. This will avoid the routine, for example, of an Opinionaire Test.

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Major, M.C.  
Chief Surgeon

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